



Interstate 90 Corridor Facilities Study La Crosse and Monroe Counties

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Public meeting scheduled

The third public information meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 25, 2006 (see page 2 for details)

*Mission statement:
To provide leadership in the development and operation of a safe and efficient transportation system.*

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Introduction

This is the third in a series of newsletters to keep interested persons informed about the Interstate 90 (I-90) corridor facilities study being conducted by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) and their consultant team led by CH2M HILL. Existing facilities include the French Island Welcome Center, the safety and weight enforcement facility (SWEF) near West Salem, the eastbound Bangor rest area and the westbound Sparta rest area. The purpose of the study is to develop a long-range facilities plan that serves the traveling public and commercial trucking, enhances freeway operations and safety, and that is compatible with local land use plans.

Recommended facilities plan

Based on engineering and environmental evaluation, input from citizens and local officials and comments from review agencies, WisDOT has developed a recommended plan for improving roadside facilities in the I-90 corridor. The recommended plan will upgrade the eastbound French Island welcome center, close the existing eastbound Bangor rest area and upgrade the westbound Sparta rest area. The plan also includes closing the existing safety and weight enforcement facility (SWEF) near West Salem and constructing a new SWEF at the Bangor rest area. The improvements will be constructed in phases with the Welcome Center in 2011, the SWEF in 2012 and the Sparta rest area in 2013. Key features include the following:

French Island welcome center

- 78 auto stalls and 20 truck stalls
- Truck parking moved to north end of site, auto parking at south end
- New building overlooking French Slough
- Constructed in existing welcome center right-of-way

New SWEF

- 48 truck stalls for eastbound truck parking
- Modern building and inspection facilities
- Weigh-in-motion capability
- Requires 4.5 acres of new right-of-way

Sparta rest area

- 90 auto stalls and 58 truck stalls
- Auto and truck parking moved to northwest side of site
- Larger modern building
- Constructed in existing rest area right-of-way

I-90 corridor facilities study newsletter and meeting announcement

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Public information meeting notice

WisDOT invites the public to attend a public information meeting about the recommended plan for improving roadside facilities in the I-90 corridor between La Crosse and Tomah.

The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 25, 2006 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Hazel Brown Leicht Memorial Library (community room) in West Salem, 201 Neshonoc Road just north of the I-90/County Highway C interchange. The meeting will be open house and interested persons may stop in anytime between 4 and 6 to visit with the project team, review the recommended plan and share ideas or concerns. The library is wheelchair accessible. Hearing impaired persons needing assistance should contact the WisDOT TDD number (608) 789-7862 available Monday through Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Calls can also be placed through the Wisconsin Telecommunications Relay System at 1-800-947-3529. To allow time for arranging assistance, please call no later than October 20, 2006.

We want your input on the recommended plan. Please attend the public information meeting to review the displays, ask questions and share your ideas. If you cannot attend but would like to receive information about the study, contact one of the project team members listed on page 1.